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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION - COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES-REGIONAL
ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

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1. COMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF NINTH EXCEPTION TO PRINCIPLE THAT UN BODIES SHOULD MEET ONLY AT THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS, I.E., REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. (SEE GA RES. 2609 (XXIV). US(KELLER, UK, BELGIN, FRENCH, ALGERIAN, USSR DELS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF DROPPING REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FROM LIST OF EXCEPTIONS. INTIALLY, THERE WAS PREVAILING SENTIMENT TO REQUIRE COMMISSIONS TO MEET AT RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS. IN EVENT INVITATION IS TENDERED AND ACCEPTED TO MEET AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS, HOST STATE SHOULD BEAR ADDED DIRECT OR INDIRECT COSTS. FINALLY, ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE TREATED IN THIS REGARD ON BASIS OF EQUALITY(I.E., ECE IN UNGA RES 2609, (XXIV) HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN LIST OF EXCEPTIONS.)

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2. CONSENSUS WAS NOT REACHED, HOWEVER, WHEN YUGOSLAV AND LATER

COLOMBIAN DELS EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT ABOUT THEIR READINESS TO ACCEPT CHAIR'S FORMULATION OF COMMITTEE'S VIEWS AT THIS TIME. UK REP (STUART) THEN REVERSED HIMSELF AND SAW VALUE IN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS MEETING AWAY FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS. US, SOVIET BELGIAN, FRENCH DELS ARGUED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO BEAR ADDED MARGIN OF COSTS OF MEETINGS HELD AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS AND KELLER DESCRIBED THIS AS "TOURISM FACTOR" FOR WHICH ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY.

3. COMMITTEE AGREED TO CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH VIEW TO REACHING COMMON POSITION IF POSSIBLE, AND QUESTION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED - DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS THIS QUESTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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